

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final is made in response to the final Office Action dated June 28, 2007. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 17 to incorporate the recitations of claim 21. Claims 22, 30, 31 and 32 have been amended to depend from claim 17. Claims 21, 28 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 34-40 are being presented. Favorable reconsideration of all of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 21 and 22 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As indicated above, Applicants have amended claim 17 to include the recitations of claim 21. Accordingly, claim 17 should now be allowable. The remaining dependent claims depend either directly or indirectly from claim 17.

Applicants resubmit the Information Disclosure Statement which was previously submitted on April 25, 2007. Applicants submitted a number of 1449 sheets with this Information Disclosure Statement and it is believed that the Patent Office apparently misplaced the 1449 sheets.

New claim 34 is directed to the stent delivery system defined in claim 17 except for the inclusion of a guide wire. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 34-40 are patentably distinct from the art of record. Favorable consideration of claims 34-40 is requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at 310-824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 06-2425 for any additional fees in connection with this amendment.

REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006, in the above-identified application. The requisite fee of \$120.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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